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Science Reflection

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I taught a weather tools lesson in two different classes. The teacher already had the power point and asked if Aimee and I would like to teach it and then we could add our own thing to review it at the end. They have been learning about the atmosphere. I taught first period and the students really enjoyed it. At the beginning when I asked what certain tools were I was really surprised that they didn’t even know what a rain gauge was. During the power point they took C-notes and this is something that they do a lot. They all did very well with this. The only thing that I noticed during the power point was that they take a lot longer to write then I expected. I was on the second slide and a little girl asked me to go back and I was surprised because the slides were really short. So, I went back and from then on I just asked if anyone needed a couple more minutes. I will have to keep this is mind in the future. After the power point we did a Jeopardy game that I had made. It was just the five weather tools all mixed up and asked about them in different ways. The students were already in groups at their table. They were all very excited about the game. The first group picked a 100-point question, but then the second group picked a 500-point question. They all started picking the larger ones after that. I was worried that might not like the game, but they were very into it. The only thing I would change next time with that was know more content that they had already studied, so there could be some review on the game. With the power point only teaching 5 weather tools, the questions on the game were very easy, but I do think that all the review of the same thing really taught them those weather tools. I did try to use their questioning levels for my questions and I think that worked well. One little girl pointed out that if you hadn’t finished writing all your questions for your c-notes that they could write down some of my questions.

I really enjoyed teaching this lesson and I know that all the students really understood and knew those weather tools. I think that I would love to teacher science on the middle school level. I just think that it would be fun and it wouldn’t be so boring teaching the same thing all day. I really enjoyed this class in general. Ms. Alvey was so great with all of her students and she had some great ideas that we have learned about.